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Designed to help parents tell and retell their children's favorite fairy tales and stories, this collection condenses dozens of plots and lists characters, so that the parent can make a tale as long or as short as a sleepy child needs, personalize the story, and convey the true wonder of the originals through the spoken voice. The 64 tales in the collection range across the ages and across genres, and even include some Shakespeare. The collection includes the classics, but it also includes some of the best African-American, Asian, Native American, and European fairy tales. Among the stories are: "Aladdin," "Androcles and the Lion," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Frog Prince," "The Three Little Pigs," "The Tempest," "The Gift of the Magi," "John Henry," "Rip Van Winkle," "Jack and the Beanstalk," and "The Princess and the Pea." Each story in the collection contains specific suggestions for telling the story, updating it, and adapting it to make it relevant to a particular child's life. (NKA)

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